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Submitted herewith is a Form PTO/SB/08A and a copy of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0122211 A1 ("Aonuma") of which the applicants and the undersigned recently became aware.

Aonuma discloses an automatic image data transfer system in which a plurality of registration terminals are respectively connected to a corresponding plurality of photographing

apparatuses. Significantly, in the system disclosed in Aonuma, each registration terminal is used only for a corresponding photographing apparatus. That is, each registration terminal registers identification information of a sheet used only by the corresponding photographing apparatus. (See Fig. 1 of Aonuma and paragraph [0022].) And the image data reading apparatus of Aonuma automatically transfers the image data read from the sheet to the (one) image display means corresponding to the registration terminal which registered the identification information of the sheet. (See paragraph [0014].) Thus, with the system of Aonuma, the image data reading apparatus automatically transfers the read image data to the photographing apparatus which radiographed the image data.

By contrast, with the structure of the claimed present invention, a specific arrangement between controllers (i.e., registration terminals) and photographing apparatuses is not required. Indeed, the specification of the present application describes at page 7, line 23 to page 8, line 10 that such a specific arrangement is a problem to be solved by the claimed present invention.

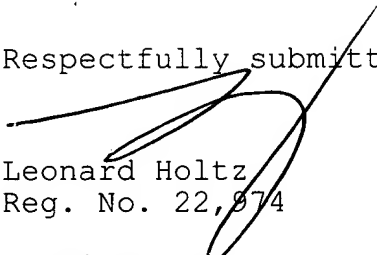
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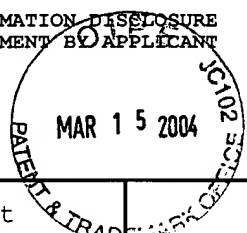
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